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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERY SAMUEL TILLMAN (01),  
and BRANDON C. CAMPBELL (03),

Defendants.

No. 4:19-cr-06007-SMJ-01  
4:19-cr-06007-SMJ-03

**RESTITUTION AND  
FORFEITURE ORDER**

Robert Samuel Tillman (01) and Brandon C. Campbell (03) pleaded guilty to sex-trafficking offenses defined under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1591, 1594(c). Section 1593(a) thus requires the Court to impose restitution. Following the Defendants' change of plea, the Government requested restitution as well as a forfeiture money judgment. The Government also asks the Court to impose joint and several liability on both awards.

Tillman and Campbell dispute the proper amount of restitution owed to the victims, W.A., E.C., and V.V. They also challenge the Government's request for forfeiture in the form of a personal money judgment. Finally, all parties debate whether the Court should impose joint and several liability on W.A. and E.C.'s

1 restitution award and whether the Court should impose joint and several liability on  
2 any forfeiture award the Court might deem appropriate. The parties fully briefed  
3 and argued the matter, and the Court finds it ripe for disposition.

#### 4 **BACKGROUND**

5 Tillman and Campbell trafficked minor victims in a prostitution scheme that  
6 involved posting ads on websites like Backpage.com, Cityxguide.com, and  
7 Adultsearch.com, booking hotel rooms for “dates,” facilitating and monitoring the  
8 dates, and collecting the money the victims earned through prostitution. *See, e.g.*,  
9 ECF Nos. 172-1, 172-3 & 172-4. Following a grand jury indictment, Tillman  
10 pleaded guilty to one count of sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion in violation  
11 of 18 U.S.C. § 1594(c). *See* ECF Nos. 96, 94 & 137. Campbell pleaded guilty to one  
12 count of sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion in violation of 18 U.S.C. §  
13 1591(a)(1), (b)(1). ECF Nos. 86, 87 & 88. The Court entered its judgment and  
14 sentence but deferred determination of restitution and forfeiture so it could conduct  
15 a hearing on the matter. ECF Nos. 140, 163.

16 Tillman and Campbell trafficked at least two victims together: W.A. and E.C.  
17 Tillman alone trafficked V.V., and the Government does not dispute that Tillman  
18 alone is responsible for the restitution owed to V.V. ECF No. 156 at 4.

19 The Government seeks restitution based on the average gross proceeds  
20 derived from trafficking the victims, which amounts to \$81,600 for victim W.A.,

1 \$81,600 for victim E.C., and \$19,740 for victim V.V. ECF No. 156 at 9–11. While  
2 these figures represent an average for each victim, the Government also provides a  
3 low-and-high-end range based on the evidence in the record. *See id.* The  
4 Government asks the Court to impose joint and several liability on the restitution  
5 awarded to victim’s W.A. and E.C. *Id.* The total restitution requested for Tillman  
6 thus equals \$182,940. *Id.* The total restitution requested for which Campbell might  
7 be jointly and severally liable thus equals \$163,200. *Id.*

8 The Government also seeks forfeiture in the form of a personal money  
9 judgment against both defendants. *Id.* Its forfeiture demand equals the total amount  
10 of restitution requested for each respective defendant; the Government also asks the  
11 Court to impose joint and several liability on the forfeiture award related to property  
12 derived from trafficking victims W.A. and E.C. *Id.*

13 Tillman and Campbell challenge the Government’s restitution and forfeiture  
14 requests on several grounds, but mainly argue that the Government miscalculated  
15 the number of days they trafficked W.A. and E.C. and the amount of money they  
16 derived from their sex-trafficking scheme. They also disagree on whether the Court  
17 should impose joint and several liability. *See generally* ECF Nos. 168, 171.  
18 Campbell claims *Honeycutt v. United States*, 137 S. Ct. 1626 (2017) bars this court  
19 from imposing joint and several liability, though Tillman appears to take no position  
20 on the issue. ECF No. 168 at 4–6; *see generally* ECF No. 171. The Court will

1 discuss the specific facts supporting the Government's restitution and forfeiture  
2 requests as part of its analysis and will not duplicate all the relevant facts here.

### 3 DISCUSSION

#### 4 A. Amount of Restitution Award

5 Courts must order restitution for sex trafficking crimes defined under chapter  
6 77, the Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (TVPA). 18 U.S.C. § 1593(a);  
7 *United States v. Williams*, 783 F. App'x 269, 277 (4th Cir. 2019). The TVPA  
8 provides a defendant must pay their victims "the full amount of the victim's losses,"  
9 which includes "the greater of the gross income or value to the defendant of the  
10 victim's services or labor or the value of the victim's labor as guaranteed under the  
11 minimum wage and overtime guarantees of the Fair Labor Standards Act [FLSA]."<sup>1</sup>  
12 *Id.* §§ 1593(b)(1), (3).

13 18 U.S.C. § 3664 governs procedure for issuance and enforcement of a  
14 restitution order. That statute "requires both that a district court set forth its reasons  
15 in resolving a dispute over restitution and that a restitution award, if one issues, be  
16 adequately supported by evidence in the record." *United States v. Tsosie*, 639 F.3d  
17 1213, 1222 (9th Cir. 2011). But given "the remedial purposes underlying the

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19 <sup>1</sup> Under the FLSA, a workweek is no longer than 40 hours, and if an employee  
20 works more than 40 hours, the employee is entitled to at least one and a half times  
the regular rate of compensation. 29 U.S.C. § 207(a)(1). Minimum wage is  
calculated at \$7.25 per hour under 29 U.S.C. § 206(a)(1)(C). For individuals  
younger than 20 years old, the rate is \$4.25 per hour under § 206(g)(1).

1 MVRA,” the Ninth Circuit affords “‘district courts a degree of flexibility in  
2 accounting for a victim’s complete losses.’” *United States v. Waknine*, 543 F.3d  
3 546, 557 (9th Cir. 2008) (quoting *United States v. Gordon*, 393 F.3d 1044, 1053  
4 (9th Cir. 2004), *abrogated on other grounds by Lagos v. United States*, 138 S. Ct.  
5 1684 (2018)). The Government need not prove the amount of restitution “with  
6 exactitude.” *In re Sealed Case*, 702 F.3d 59, 66 (D.C. Cir. 2012). Instead, it must  
7 support its restitution order with “some reasonable certainty.” *United States v.*  
8 *Monzel*, 641 F.3d 528, 540 (D.C. Cir. 2011) (quoting *United States v. Doe*, 488 F.3d  
9 1154, 1160 (9th Cir. 2007)). Courts calculating restitution awards are thus entitled  
10 to rely on any evidence “bearing ‘sufficient indicia of reliability to support its  
11 probable accuracy.’” *United States v. Baston*, 818 F.3d 651, 665 (11th Cir. 2016)  
12 (quoting *United States v. Singletary*, 649 F.3d 1212, 1217 n.21 (11th Cir. 2011)).  
13 For these reasons,

14 § 3664(e)’s reference to a ‘preponderance of the evidence’ requires that,  
15 when there is a dispute as to restitution, a restitution order must be  
16 supported by evidence in the record showing that it is more likely than  
not that the defendant’s offense proximately caused the losses for which  
restitution was awarded and that it did so in the amounts awarded.

17 *Tsosie*, 639 F.3d at 1222.

18 The Government calculated each victims’ restitution award by multiplying  
19 (the average number of “dates” per day) by (the average fee per “date”) by (the  
20 number of days each defendant trafficked each victim). ECF No 156 at 9–11. The

1 Court will thus analyze whether the Government has proven by a preponderance of  
2 the evidence (1) the average number of “dates” per day for each victim, (2) the  
3 average fee each victim charged per “date,” and (3) the number of days each  
4 defendant trafficked each victim.

5 To begin with, the Government offers evidence that the victims went on  
6 between six and ten “dates” per day—seven days per week. ECF No. 156 at 10;  
7 ECF No. 172-4 at 3. Tillman argues the Court should disregard the victims’  
8 statements as “stale” and use only the “dates” established by contemporaneous  
9 communications on Facebook. ECF No. 171 at 5. Tillman extrapolates an estimated  
10 number of “dates” based on these communications. *See id.* But the defendants and  
11 victims likely did not record *all* their “dates” on Facebook. The Court finds that the  
12 victims’ statements provide a reliable estimate of how many “dates” they averaged  
13 per day.

14 Even so, Campbell similarly claims the Government has not met its burden  
15 to proof and points the Court to *Tsosie*, 639 F.3d at 1222 (holding that the  
16 government failed adequately supply its reasons in resolving a dispute over a  
17 restitution award with adequate evidence in the record) and *Waknine*, 543 F.3d at  
18 557 (holding that the government in a RICO conspiracy case offered insufficient  
19 evidence to prove more likely than not that the victims lost the amounts listed in  
20 their loss summaries). He insists that the Government must offer more specific and

1 reliable evidence. But again, the Court finds the victims’ statements specific and  
2 reliable. *See Waknine*, 543 F.3d at 557 (holding that the district court may use only  
3 evidence that possesses sufficient indicia of reliability to support its probable  
4 accuracy).

5 Both Tillman and Campbell ask the Court to reduce that average number of  
6 “dates” because the victims did not always engage in a “commercial sex act” under  
7 § 1591. Rather, Tillman and Campbell contend that the victims turned “tricks” and  
8 set “traps” by essentially robbing “Johns” of their money without performing any  
9 commercial sex act. ECF No. 171 at 8; ECF No. 168 at 9; ECF No. 169 at 2. The  
10 Court finds these arguments unpersuasive. The victims themselves stated that they  
11 performed between six and ten commercial sex acts per day, which the Court finds  
12 credible.

13 The Government has therefore proven an approximate frequency of  
14 “dates”—between six and ten per day. *See* ECF No. 156 at 10. For the purposes  
15 calculating the restitution award, the Court will use the average as established by  
16 the Government, eight “dates” per day.

17 Turning to the fees charged for each “date,” the Government offered evidence  
18 that W.A. and E.C. usually charged \$140 per half hour and \$200 per hour for their  
19 respective “dates.” ECF No. 156 at 10. Tillman again contends the Court should use  
20 only the fee averaged through the Facebook record, which he calculates to equal

1 about \$155 per “date.” ECF No. 171 at 7. But the Government need not prove the  
2 amount of restitution “with exactitude.” *In re Sealed Case*, 702 F.3d at 66. The  
3 Court finds the victims statements credible, so the Government has established the  
4 general fees that the victims charged. *See Tsosie*, 639 F.3d at 1222. The Court will  
5 thus use the average of the half hour and hourly rates established by the  
6 Government, \$170 per “date.”

7 Finally, the Government claims both defendants trafficked W.A. and E.C.  
8 each for 60 days between March 31, 2018 and May 29, 2018. ECF No. 156 at 10.  
9 Yet it failed to provide citations to the record to support the alleged date range for  
10 each victim. At the hearing, the Court asked the Government how it came up with  
11 this date range. The Government conveyed it calculated the range based on evidence  
12 in the police reports and in the presentence investigation report, but it could not  
13 provide the Court with specific citations to the record.

14 The Court thus combed the record to determine whether a preponderance of  
15 the evidence supports the Government’s alleged date range for each victim. As for  
16 victim W.A., she

17 said she met TILLMAN while staying at the Rodeway Inn located in  
18 Pasco, Washington. She went on to explain that she had been evicted  
19 from her apartment in the end of March 2018. . . . Around March 31,  
20 approximately two days after meeting him, W said TILLMAN  
approached her and brandished a firearm. W said TILLMAN threatened  
to hurt her friends if she didn’t work for him.

ECF No. 172-3 at 2; *see also* ECF No. 73-1 at 23 (“W told me that she had been



1 kidnapped and sex trafficked in March of 2018 by a man named Robert Tillman. W  
2 stated that she got away from Tillman in May.”). The Court thus finds that the  
3 Government supported the alleged start date for W.A., that is, March 31, 2018.

4 The Court also finds support for the alleged end date for W.A, May 29, 2018.  
5 Facebook communications reveal that W.A. was working for Tillman as of May 25,  
6 2018. ECF No. 125-3 at 2. Tillman and Campbell stopped trafficking E.C. after the  
7 Lakewood Police Department arrested her on May 29, 2018. ECF No. 172-5. The  
8 arrest team noted that two males were watching E.C.’s hotel room but then took off  
9 running once they saw the police arrest her. ECF No. 172-5 at 5. This report  
10 coincides with W.A.’s story that Tillman packed up and left the hotel without saying  
11 anything while she was out to eat. ECF No. 172-3 at 4.

12 As for victim E.C., “E believed that it was April when she met TILLMAN,  
13 and shortly after their meeting her began talking to her about going on ‘dates’ for  
14 money.” ECF No. 172-4 at 2. But W.A. reported that when she met Tillman, she  
15 was with her then boyfriend, “E.C., and E’s boyfriend Brandon Campbell.” ECF  
16 Nos. 172-3. E.C. told the police she agreed to go on “dates” at Campbell’s urging  
17 because they both needed money. *Id.* “E said that her boyfriend, Brandon, would  
18 make the advertisements at the direction of TILLMAN.” *Id.* at 2. Although the  
19 victims’ statements appear loosely in conflict, the Court finds March 31, 2018 a  
20 credible estimated start date for both victims W.A. and E.C. Tillman and Campbell

1 stopped trafficking E.C. after the Lakewood Police Department arrested her on May  
2 29, 2018 for prostitution, which tracks W.A.’s report that Tillman vanished while  
3 she was out to eat. ECF Nos. 172-5, 172-3.

4 The Court thus finds the Government has proven the amount of restitution  
5 owed to victims W.A. and E.C. by a preponderance of the evidence. The  
6 Government provides a high-and-low-end range of \$50,400 to \$120,000 for each  
7 victim. ECF No. 156 at 10–11. Even so, it essentially requests the average of this  
8 range. *See id.* For victims W.A. and E.C., the Government multiplied (8 “dates” per  
9 day) by (\$170 per “date”) by (60 days trafficked), which equals \$81,600 owed to  
10 victim W.A. and \$81,600 owed to victim E.C. *Id.* The Court thus imposes a  
11 restitution award in those amounts for each of these victims.

12 V.V. claims to have earned about \$1000 per day, which tracks the figures  
13 calculated above. ECF No. 172-1 at 3. Tillman trafficked her for 15 days between  
14 April 2, 2018 and April 16, 2018. Both parties agree on the date range. ECF No. 156  
15 at 9; ECF No. 171 at 1–2, 5. But the Government miscalculated the number of days.  
16 ECF No. 156 at 9. This date range equates to 15 days not 14, which Tillman  
17 concedes. ECF No. 171 at 1–2, 5. Multiplying (8 “dates” per day) by (\$170 per  
18 “date”)<sup>2</sup> by (15 days trafficked) equals \$20,400. The Government proposes a  
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20 <sup>2</sup> The Court notes that the Government used a slightly different fee calculation for  
victim V.V., ECF No. 156 at 9, but the Court finds the \$170 average used for the

1 restitution range of \$13,440 and \$28,000 based on the V.V.’s statements. The Court  
2 finds the Government has proven the restitution owed to victim V.V. by a  
3 preponderance of the evidence. It thus imposes a \$20,400 a restitution award for  
4 victim V.V.

5 Tillman finally argues the restitution requested by the Government “boggles  
6 the imagination” because it basically means he had the earning potential of a  
7 millionaire. ECF No. 171 at 9. The Court finds this argument unpersuasive.  
8 Throughout the record, the victims emphasize that Tillman paid for necessary living  
9 expenses, supported their drug habits, and bought hotel rooms to facilitate their  
10 “dates,” among other things. W.A. stressed that her travails “paid for [Tillman’s]  
11 ‘luxury living.’” ECF No. 172-3 at 3. “She believed TILLMAN received thousands  
12 of dollars from these men which he would spend on clothes, jewelry, phones and  
13 other items.” *Id.* The Court also finds the restitution awarded here consistent with  
14 restitution awarded in similar sex-trafficking cases. *E.g., United States v. Williams*,  
15 319 F. Supp. 3d 812, 815 (E.D. Va. 2018), *aff’d*, 783 F. App’x 269 (4th Cir. 2019)  
16 (\$119,300 total in restitution awarded to three minor victims); *United States v.*  
17 *Whitley*, 354 F. Supp. 3d 930, 938 (N.D. Ill. 2019) (\$246,286.59 total in  
18 restitution awarded to four minor victims); *United States v. Lewis*, 791 F. Supp. 2d

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other victims consistent with V.V.’s reporting as well. It will thus use the same  
average fee for victim V.V. as it applied to victims W.A. and E.C.

81 (D.D.C. 2011) (substantial restitution awarded to multiple victims). With that,  
the Court turns to the question of joint and several liability.

**B. Joint and Several Liability Applies to the Restitution Awarded to Victims W.A. and E.C.**

Campbell claims he did not contribute to W.A.’s losses, so the Court should  
not find him jointly and severally liable under 18 U.S.C. § 3664 (h). ECF No. 168  
at 2. The Court finds this argument unpersuasive.

Restitution orders under the TVPA “shall be issued and enforced in  
accordance with section 3664 in the same manner as an order under 3663A.” 18  
U.S.C. § 1593(b)(2). “[T]he express language of the MVRA [Mandatory Victim  
Restitution Act] allows joint and severable liability.” *United States v. Rodriguez*,  
915 F.3d 532, 536 (8th Cir. 2019).

If the court finds that more than 1 defendant has contributed to the loss  
of a victim, the court may make each defendant liable for payment of  
the full amount of restitution *or* may apportion liability among the  
defendants to reflect the level of contribution to the victim’s loss and  
economic circumstances of each defendant.

18 U.S.C. § 3664(h) (emphasis added). “While some aspects of mandatory  
restitution statutes are punitive, the primary purpose of such statutes is ‘remedial or  
compensatory.’” *Id.* (quoting *Paroline v. United States*, 572 U.S. 434, 456, 134 S.  
Ct. 1710, 188 L.Ed.2d 714 (2014)). Courts thus have discretion on whether to  
impose joint and several liability. *See, e.g., United States v. Brazier*, 933 F.3d 796,  
805 (7th Cir. 2019) (the district court did not abuse its discretion in imposing joint

1 and several liability in a kidnapping case, “particularly since the focus of restitution,  
2 as distinct from prison terms, is more on compensation for the victim than on precise  
3 calibration of relative culpability among multiple defendants.”); *United States v.*  
4 *Bogart*, 576 F.3d 565, 576 (6th Cir. 2009) (“[W]hile the district court has the option  
5 under § 3664(h) to apportion the restitution payment among defendants, . . . the  
6 district court did not abuse its discretion in holding [the defendants] jointly and  
7 severally liable for restitution to the victims of the conspiracy.”).

8 Tillman and Campbell both pleaded guilty to sex-trafficking offenses defined  
9 under the TVPA. And the evidence shows that they both contributed to W.A. and  
10 E.C.’s losses by enticing, coercing, and exploiting these victims in a prostitution  
11 enterprise. Because both defendants contributed to W.A. and E.C.’s losses, the  
12 statute permits the Court to impose joint and several liability for the full restitution  
13 amount. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3664(h). That said, the Government concedes Tillman is  
14 solely responsible for restitution to V.V. ECF No. 156 at 4.

15 The Court thus imposes joint and several liability on the restitution awarded  
16 to victims W.A. and E.C. Tillman shall remain solely liable for the restitution  
17 awarded to victim V.V.

### 18 **C. Amount of Forfeiture Money Judgment**

19 The Government requests a forfeiture money judgment against Tillman in an  
20 amount equal to the total restitution award. *See* ECF No. 156 at 16–17. It also

1 appears to request a forfeiture money judgment against Campbell, but only for the  
2 amount he obtained in trafficking W.A. and E.C. *See id.* Tillman’s memorandum  
3 does not even mention the Government’s forfeiture claims. *See generally* ECF No.  
4 171. Still, Campbell disputes the forfeiture amounts and the Government’s request  
5 for joint and several liability. ECF No. 168 at 4–6.

6 In sex-trafficking cases, the Court must order forfeiture on top of any other  
7 sentence imposed. *See generally* 18 U.S.C. § 1594(d), (e). “Criminal forfeiture  
8 statutes empower the Government to confiscate property derived from or used to  
9 facilitate criminal activity.” *Honeycutt*, 137 S. Ct. at 1631. “Such statutes serve  
10 important governmental interests such as ‘separating a criminal from his ill-gotten  
11 gains,’ ‘returning property, in full, to those wrongfully deprived or defrauded of it,’  
12 and ‘lessen[ing] the economic power” of criminal enterprises.’” *Id.* (alterations in  
13 original) (quoting *Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered v. United States*, 491 U.S. 617,  
14 629–630 (1989)).

15 Since forfeiture proceedings are part of sentencing, the rules of evidence do  
16 not apply. *United States v. Sustaita*, 1 F.3d 950, 952 (9th Cir. 1993) (quoting *United*  
17 *States v. Notrangelo*, 909 F.2d 363, 365–66 (9th Cir. 1990) (“The procedural  
18 safeguards and evidentiary limitations afforded defendants in criminal trials are not  
19 required at sentencing.”)). Courts may thus admit a broad range of evidence when  
20 determining forfeitability. *United States v. Alonso*, 48 F.3d 1536, 1545–46 (9th Cir.

1 1995).

2 The federal rules contemplate that the government may seek a money  
3 judgment in a criminal proceeding: “If the government seeks a personal money  
4 judgment, the court must determine the amount of money that the defendant will be  
5 ordered to pay.” Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1)(A). In *United States v. Casey*, 444 F.3d  
6 1071, 1077 (9th Cir. 2006), the Ninth Circuit held that “the government is entitled  
7 to a money judgment in criminal forfeiture cases, even when a defendant has no  
8 assets.”<sup>3</sup> See also *United States v. Nejad*, 933 F.3d 1162, 1165–66 (9th Cir. 2019)  
9 (concluding *Honeycutt* does not preclude imposing personal money judgments).  
10 Like restitution awards, the Court need not calculate the forfeiture amount ““with  
11 precision[,] but rather need only make a reasonable estimate of the loss, given the  
12 available information.”” *United States v. Treacy*, 639 F.3d 32, 48 (2d Cir. 2011)  
13 (quoting *United States v. Uddin*, 551 F.3d 176, 180 (2d Cir. 2009)). It may also  
14 “make reasonable extrapolations from the evidence established by a preponderance  
15 of the evidence.” *Id.*

16 Relevant here, the sex-trafficking forfeiture statute provides, in part: “Any  
17 property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable

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18 <sup>3</sup> “Requiring imposition of a money judgment on a defendant who currently  
19 possesses no assets furthers the remedial purposes of the forfeiture statute by  
20 ensuring that all eligible criminal defendants receive the mandatory forfeiture  
sanction Congress intended and disgorge their ill-gotten gains, even those already  
spent.” *Id.* at 1074.

1 to any violation of this chapter . . . shall be subject to forfeiture to the United States  
2 and no property right shall exist in them.” 18 U.S.C. § 1594(e)(1)(B).

3 As above, the Government has proven by a preponderance of the evidence  
4 that Tillman and Campbell derived \$163,200 from proceeds traceable to trafficking  
5 W.A. and E.C. Tillman also derived \$20,400 from proceeds traceable to trafficking  
6 V.V.

7 The Court therefore concludes personal money judgments against Tillman  
8 and Campbell are appropriate.

9 **D. Joint and Several Liability Applies to the Forfeiture Money Judgment**  
10 **For Any Property Derived From Proceeds Traceable to Sex-Trafficking**  
11 **W.A. and E.C.**

12 The Government finally asks the Court to impose joint and several liability  
13 on the property Tillman and Campbell derived trafficking W.A. and E.C. Tillman  
14 makes no argument in response to the Government’s request for joint and several  
15 liability. *See generally* ECF No. 171. Campbell claims *Honeycutt* bars this court  
16 from imposing joint and several liability. ECF No. 168 at 4-6.

17 In *Honeycutt*, 137 S. Ct. 1626, the Supreme Court held 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1)  
18 limits forfeiture—for crimes committed under that statutory regime—to proceeds  
19 the defendant *actually* obtained as the result of the crime and thus does not permit  
20 joint and several liability for property that one co-conspirator obtained from the  
crime but that the defendant himself did not obtain. Since *Honeycutt*, at least a



1 couple Circuits have extended its reasoning to similarly worded forfeiture statutes.  
2 *E.g., United States v. Chittenden*, 896 F.3d 633, 640 (4th Cir. 2018) (holding that  
3 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(2) precludes joint and several forfeiture liability under  
4 *Honeycutt*); *United States v. Brown*, 694 Fed. Appx. 57, 57–58 (3d Cir. 2017)  
5 (same). But the Sixth Circuit held *Honeycutt*’s reasoning does not apply to 18  
6 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) because that forfeiture provision lacks the phrase “the person  
7 obtained.” *United States v. Sexton*, 894 F.3d 787, 799 (6th Cir.), *reh’g denied* (July  
8 16, 2018), *cert. denied*, 139 S. Ct. 415, 202 L. Ed. 2d 320 (2018).

9 One provision of the sex-trafficking forfeiture statute uses nearly identical  
10 language to the forfeiture statute at issue in *Honeycutt*. Compare 18 U.S.C.  
11 § 1594(d)(2) (sex-trafficking forfeiture statute at issue here) with 21 U.S.C. §  
12 853(a)(1) (forfeiture statute at issue in *Honeycutt*). So does one provision of the  
13 civil forfeiture statute at issue in *Sexton*. See 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(B).

14 Even so, as discussed above, another provision of the sex-trafficking  
15 forfeiture statute provides: “Any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is  
16 derived from proceeds traceable to any violation of this chapter . . . shall be subject  
17 to forfeiture to the United States and no property right shall exist in them.” 18  
18 U.S.C. § 1594(e)(1)(B). This language echoes the terms used in the civil forfeiture  
19 statute at issue in *Sexton*. See 894 F.3d at 799 (addressing 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C)).

20 This case is like *Sexton*. Neither the provision at issue here nor the provision

1 at issue in *Sexton* “contain the phrase ‘the person obtained,’ which was the linchpin  
2 of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Honeycutt*.” *See Sexton*, 894 F.3d at 799. “While  
3 property must be connected, or ‘traceable,’ to the crime, it does not need to be  
4 property that the particular defendant received. As long as the property is connected  
5 to the crime, a defendant can be liable for property that his codefendant acquired.”  
6 *Id.* The sex-trafficking forfeiture statute here is therefore distinguishable from the  
7 forfeiture statute at issue in *Honeycutt*. *See id.*

8 Tillman and Campbell both pleaded guilty to sex-trafficking offenses defined  
9 under the TVPA. The evidence shows that they both derived property (i.e., money)<sup>4</sup>  
10 from proceeds traceable to those offenses. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1594(e)(1)(B).

11 The Court concludes that *Honeycutt*’s reasoning does apply to 18 U.S.C.  
12 § 1594(e)(1)(B) and finds Tillman and Campbell jointly and severally liable to the  
13 United States for \$163,200, which reflects the property derived from proceeds  
14 traceable to their respective violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1594(e)(1)(B).

15 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- 16 **1.** Restitution in the amount of \$81,600 is owed to victim W.A.  
17 **2.** Restitution in the amount of \$81,600 is owed to victim E.C.

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<sup>4</sup> “Money is property.” *Nixon v. Shrink Missouri Gov’t PAC*, 528 U.S. 377, 398  
20 (2000) (Stevens, J., concurring); *see also In re Louisville Nat. Banking Co.*, 158 F.  
403, 404 (6th Cir. 1908) (“Money is property in its most available and efficient  
form.”).

1           3.     Restitution in the amount of \$20,400 is owed to victim V.V.

2           4.     Defendants Tillman (01) and Campbell (03) shall be jointly and  
3                 severally liable for the restitution owed to victims W.A. and E.C.

4           5.     Defendant Tillman shall be solely liable for the restitution owed to  
5                 victim V.V.


6           6.     Defendants' Tillman (01) and Campbell (03) shall jointly and  
7                 severally forfeit to the United States a personal money judgment of  
8                 \$163,200 for trafficking W.A. and E.C.

9           7.     Defendant Tillman (01) shall forfeit to the United States a personal  
10                money judgment of \$20,400 for trafficking V.V.

11          8.     The Court will enter an amended sentencing judgment for each  
12                 defendant that incorporates the preceding restitution and forfeiture  
13                 obligations.

14          **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order and  
15          provide copies to all counsel and the U.S. Probation Office.

16          **DATED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020.

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19                                 SALVADOR MENDEZ, JR.  
20                                 United States District Judge